case the contractor fails to deposit the same. The compensation payable to late S/Shri N. Khosla and Rajesh Hyal under the Workmen's Compensation Act works out to Rs. 26,546·40 and Rs. 27,026.40 respectively. The Management has already offered employment to one of the dependents of each of the three deceased personnel.

Creation of posts in Delhi Judicial Service

2786. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to fill more posts of Delhi Judicial service in near future; and

(b) if so, whether there s any proposal of Government to create new posts in Delhi keeping in view the large number of pending cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

2787. [*Transferred to the 29th August*, 1988.]

Repatriation of Defence personnel from Pakistan

2788. SHRI LAL. K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the result of Government efforts during the last seventeen years to get released and repatriated the forty three missing Indian Defence personnel who have been languishing in Pakistani jails all this period;

(b) what is the next concrete action plan of Government in this regard; and

(c) what are the other forums, other than direct talks with Pakistan, at which Government are trying to solve this human problem of mental torture, agony and pain ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) In response to Government's efforts to secure the release and repatriation of Indian missing defence personnel in Pakistan the Government of Pakistan has been taking the position that there are no such persons in their custody.

(b) Government propose to continue to press for the release and repatriation of the missing Indian defence personnel.

(c) Since this is a purely bilateral issue, Government are pursuing efforts to resolve it on a bilateral basis.

2789. [*Transferred to the 29th August*, 1988.]

Members of the SCOVA hand picked and nominated by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

2790. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Members of the SCOVA were hand picked and nominated by the Ministry of Personnel, Pubic Grievances and Pensions without any particular criteria;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the negative, what are the details of criteria;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there was neither a present agenda, nor any record of minutes of the proceedings and decisions where problem raised by pensioner's representatives were simply talked out; and

(d) what steps Government propose in this regard to make SCOVA more effective and useful both to pensioners and Government as well, and the public time and funds spent on it, worth while ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Members of the Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) are drawn from various organisations of the pensioners with the objective of making it as broad-based and representative as possible. There is no fixed agenda and the discussion is open on general problems of the pensioners. The discussions which take place in the meetings are internally recorded and action where required is taken. The SCOVA is effective in achieving the objectives for which it was set up and is useful both for pensioners and the Government.

Parity in pension for retired Government employees

2791. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to report appearing PENSIONERS ADVOCATE, Madras in its June 1988 issue on page 3 under the title "SCOVA MEETING" on May 24, 1988, wherein it has been stated that Government have agreed to parity in pensions in principle but parity in pensions in priniple but could not implement for want of finances; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to extend the same to both civilian and military pensioners/family pensioners, as was done in the cases of retired judges of High Courts and the Supreme Court ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMABARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The expression "parity in Pension" refers to equalisation of pension irrespective of the date of retirement i.e. whatever pension will be due to a person retired from a given grade today should be allowed to past retirees also from the same grade, irrespective of their dates of retirement and the emoluments drawn at the time of retirement. Government has not at any stage agreed to this parity in pension irrespective of the date of retirement in the case of Central Government employees, both on the civilian side as well as in the Armed Forces, even in principle. The reported version appearing in the "PENSIONERS ADVOCATE" in its June, 1988 Issue, is a non-official version and has been cited out of context. The case of retired judges of the High Courts and the Supreme Court stands entirely on a different footing and cannot be taken as a precedent for purposes of parity in pension for Central Government employees.

Delay in getting Pensions in Tamil Nadu

2792. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased be state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a complaint from retired Govern-